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35. (new) A cutting tool assembly according to claim 17 further comprising:

a bit holder, and
a cutter bit having a shank,
wherein said retainer is connected to said shank,
and said cutter bit and retainer are inserted in a bore formed in said bit holder.

36. (new) A retainer according to claim 29 wherein said dimples extend between about .007 -.200 inches beyond an exterior cylindrical surface of said retainer.

37. (new) A retainer according to claim 29 wherein said dimple has a diameter of between about .06-.10 inches.

38. (new) A retainer according to claim 29 wherein said retainer has a plurality of said dimples.

39. (new) A cutting tool assembly, said assembly comprising:

a retainer sleeve including at least one radially outward protruding surface;

wherein said retainer has a cylindrical circumference and a thickness dimension,

the amount of radial projection of said protruding surface beyond the cylindrical surface of the retainer is about 15-30 percent of the thickness dimension of said retainer.

40. (new) A retainer, said retainer comprising:

a retainer sleeve including at least one radially outward protruding surface;

wherein said retainer has a cylindrical circumference and a thickness dimension,

the amount of radial projection of said protruding surface beyond the cylindrical surface of the retainer is about 15-30 percent of the thickness dimension of said retainer.

41. (new) A cutting tool assembly, said assembly comprising:

a retainer sleeve including at least one radially outward projecting dimple.

42. (new) A retainer for a cutting bit assembly; wherein said retainer includes at least one radially outward projecting dimple.

Claims 15 and 29 have been amended as follows:

15. (amended) A cutting tool assembly, said assembly comprising:

a retainer sleeve including at least one radially outward projecting dimple;

wherein said retainer has a cylindrical circumference and a thickness dimension,

the amount of radial projection of said dimple beyond the cylindrical surface of the retainer is about 15-30 percent of the thickness dimension of said retainer.

29. (amended) A retainer, said retainer comprising:

a retainer sleeve including at least one radially outward projecting dimple;

wherein said retainer has a cylindrical circumference and a thickness dimension,

the amount of radial projection of said dimple beyond the cylindrical surface of the retainer is about 15-30 percent of the thickness dimension of said retainer.